Education Council. The vacancy was caused, as you have mentioned, on 9th April 1996. .....(व्यवधान)

वह तो ठीक है कि जगह खाली छोड़नी पड़ी .....(व्यवधान)

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री मोहम्मद सलीम): मंत्री जी, अप्रैल से जगह खाली हुई और अप्रैल से अब तक तीन हकूमत रही, आप इतनी देर क्यों किए?

SHRI S.R. BOMMAI: Sir, we got the information from the Board and immediately we happened to send it.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: When did you get the information? ....(*Interruptions*)....

SHRI S.R. BOMMAI: I will write to you. ....(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): The question is:

That in pursuance of the provisions contained in clause (j) of sub-section (4) of Section 3, read with sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 (52 of 1987), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the All India Council for Technical Education in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Shri Prabhakar B. Kore from the membership of Rajya Sabha on the 9th April, 1996.

The motion was adopted.

उपसभाध्यक्ष: (श्री मोहम्मद सलीम): आप तो मोशन के विरोध में नहीं हैं, डिले के बारे में मंत्री जी बोले कि वह आपको बता देंगे।

श्री सतीश अग्रवाल: मैं मोशन के विरोध में नहीं हूं, लेकिन राज्य सभा अनरिप्रजेंटेड रहती है। .....(व्यावधान) अप्रैल से यह जगह खाली हैं.....(व्यावधान) आगे वाले में भी यही है।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री मोहम्मद सलीम): कोशिश करें और पहले भी चेयर से डाइरेक्शन दिया गया है कि प्रोएक्टी होना चाहिए।

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD):

Sir, I beg to move the following motion:

"That in pursuance of clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 5 read with clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 6 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, two members from among the members of the House to be members of the Animal Welfare Board of India in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Shrimati Chandrika Abhinandan Jain and Shri S. Madhavan from the membership of Rajya Sabha on the 2nd April, 1996."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE TEA BOARD

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): Sir, on behalf of Shri Bolla Buli Ramaiah, I beg to move the following motion:

"That in pursuance of clause (f) of sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Tea Act, 1953 (29 of 1953), read with clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 4 and sub-rule (1) of rule 5 of the Tea Rules, 1954, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House, to be a member of the Tea Board."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Shri K.R. Malkani.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, Yesterday the Prime Minister gave us a solemn assurance...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): There is a list of Zero Hour business. I will go by that. ..(*Interruptions*).. You had raised it yesterday.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, yesterday the Prime Minister gave us an assurance that the Bill for providing 33 per cent reservation for women—the Constitution Amendment Bill—will be passed. We have not heard anything about it. Today is the last day of the session.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): The Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha. How can you jump the queue unless the Lok Sabha passes it and sends it here?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Whether they passed it or not, please let the Government tell us when it is going to come up in this House. At least that they should tell us. We do not have any idea. Today is Friday.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): It was announced yesterday. It was introduced in the Lok Sabha. ..(*Interruptions*).. It is an important Bill, of course; it is an important issue. But this way you can't pass it. ..(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondi Cherry): Let the Government respond. Members have a right to know. ..(*Interruptions*).. Somebody has said that Bommai Saheb is here. He is a senior Minister. Let him say what the Government is going to do.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: When is the voting? Today, in the afternoon there is Private Member's business. ..(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: (SHRI MD. SALIM): Yes, Mr. Agarwal. ..(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Narayanasamy, please sit down.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, please let us know when this Bill is going to come up.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): Mr. Vice-Chairman, the irony is that the hon. Prime Minister announced yesterday in this very House that they would bring the Bill and get it passed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): You are on the same matter.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: No, no. Just a minute. I am on this point. The constitution (Eighty-first Amendment) Bill, 1996 (Bill No. 100 of 1996) was printed on the 4th of September, 1996, as has been mentioned in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. I want to know from the Government what it was doing from the 4th of September and why it did not introduce this Bill earlier so that it could have been passed by Parliament in this session. ...(*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): You are a senior Member. ..(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: This is cheating or fraud.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Don't say "cheating". It is unparliamentary.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: I am sorry. I am withdrawing it. ..(*Interruptions*)

What about the Lokpal Bill? Mr. Parliamentary Affairs Minister, what happened to the Lokpal Bill?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): The Members are agitated about the Constitution amendment Bill giving representation to women in Parliament and legislatures.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): The House will appreciate that the other day the Minister of law has amply clarified this. The Bill was being drafted. It has taken some time at the drafting stage. The Minister had made a commitment that it would be introduced. Yesterday the hon. Prime Minister also has made the commitment. The present position is that it was not passed in the Lok Sabha Yesterday. After it is passed in that House, it will come to this House. This is the position at present. ..(*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: When will it come here? That means it cannot be passed in the session. ..(*Interruptions*)

The solemn assurance given by the Prime Minister means nothing.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): You have to wait for the message from the Lok Sabha.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: When is it going to be passed in the Lok Sabha? I want to know whether it is going to be passed in this session or not. ..(*Interruptions*)

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: The discussion on the Bill is going on in the other House. When it is passed, it will come here. ..(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: What about the Lokpal Bill? (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Mrs. Jayanthi Natarajan, you are a senior Member. You know that the Bill cannot be taken up simultaneously in both the Houses.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: I know that. ..(*Interruptions*)

Why can't you extend the session so that the bill is passed in the session itself? You extend the session till Monday. You give us an assurance. Yesterday the Prime Minister gave us the assurance. What is the Prime Minister's assurance?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Nothing will go on record.

f11 SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: *

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): It is being discussed in the other House. After it passed there, it will come here. The Minister has assured us on this. What else do you want? (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: *

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: (SHRI MD. SALIM): They are committed. What else do you want? The moment it comes to us, we will take it up.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: *

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: *

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Please sit down.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: *

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: *

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Nothin will go record.

Mr. Malakni. Only Mr. Malkani will go on record.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: *

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARJAN: *

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: (SHRI MD. SALIM) Please sit down. We have some legislative business. We have the Finance Bill and the U.P. Bill to be passed. ..(*Interruptions*)

You are blocking the passage. We should clear all the pending business so that we can pass that Bill. Please sit down.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: *

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: *

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: *

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Please sit down. (*Interruptions*) Please sit down.

Re: INCREASING I.A.F. PLANE CRASHES DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS

SHRI K.R. MALKANI (Delhi): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I rise to draw the attention of this august House to a matter of very serious import for the country. I am raising it during Zero Hour only because time could not be found for it earlier.

Sir, my heart froze inside me when I read on the 12th of August that in a single day three fighter planes of the Indian Air Force had crashed. Two days later the papers carried the news that these three planes alone were worth about Rs. 300 crores. Money apart, some of the pilots' lives must have been lost. And what kind of a message do we send to the world as to the quality of the Indian Air Force? Three days back there was a report that in the last 42 weeks we have lost 82 planes. That means every fortnight we lose one fighter plane. Only last week Pakistan claimed that they had downed four Indian helicopters. The Air Force has admitted one, but Pakistan has claimed four. What is happening? What kind of message is going round?

Sir, if you read the Defence Standing Committee Report, they give explanations which are of a very conventional nature. One reason given is the weather. There is nothing extraordinary about the Indian weather. We do not have long dark nights; we do not have snow storms. They say there are bird hits. Are we the only country with birds? If too many birds and vultures are there, the cause could be unauthorised slaughter of cattle. That should be taken care of. How can you allow planes to fall from the sky, जैसे पतंग कटी जा रही है?

The third explanation given is mechanical failure. This is also something very unusual. The report published in *The Hindustan Times* of 1st September is very disturbing." It says: "There is big money in bogus aircraft parts." Are some elements in the Air Force indulging in bogus parts? What is happening? There is a fourth thing Government should see whether there is an element of sabotage in all these things. I hope it is not there, but we should not leave out any possibility. After every crash, there is an inquiry. I would beg of the Government to place on the Table of the House all the reports of these 82 crashes in the last three and a half years.

Sir, the Defence Committee report also says that there are pilot errors. The pilot error can be of two kinds. Is it that the pilots are not sufficiently trained or is it that they are not mentally at ease? There seems to be something lax in the training of the pilots. For the last 14 years the Defence Ministry has been saying we want advanced Jet Trainers (*Time-bell*) Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I would beg of you to give me a few minutes, because the subject is so important.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): The subject is important, but other hon. Members will also be raising other important points.

SHRI K.R. MALKANI: All right. In that case, we can sit for another five minutes later in the evening.

Sir, for the last 14 years they have been saying that they want advance jet trainers. Why has the AJT not been purchased? Why is the Government all the time saying that they will by either Hawk or Alpha Jet? Why? What are they waithing for? What are the considerations?

I asked a Defence expert out of sheer curiosity. Being a layman, I asked him: what is the trainer used by Russia? He replied: MIG-21 trainer. I asked: what is the trainer used by China? He said: MIG-21 trainer. (*Interruptions*) Please, for God's sake, listen. This is a serious matter. I asked: what is the trainer in Pakistan? He said, the MIG-21 trainer